



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7790; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Parting of the Ways

National Historic Site; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 40 acres of public land from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, for a period of 20 years to protect The Parting of the Ways National Historic Site. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Effective Date: [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM manages the land to protect the nationally significant historic site. The historic site has pristine integrity, both in terms of physical trail remains and environmental setting, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Parting of the Ways National Historic Site is an historic fork in the Emigrant Trail (Oregon Trail, Mormon-Pioneer Trail, California Trail, and the Pony Express Trail) where emigrants had to decide whether to stay on the main route and head

southwest towards Fort Bridger or veer right and cross some 50 waterless miles, known as the Sublette Cutoff.

ORDER

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following-described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect The Parting of the Ways National Historic Site:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 26 N., R. 104 W.,

sec. 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 40 acres in Sweetwater County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of the mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-3)

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